

## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA JANUARY 1980

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

#### Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

#### Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

n.a. not available  
r figure or series revised since previous issue  
n.y.a. not yet available

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

		Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	December	4,996	6,315	22,214	25.5	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,094	641	635	407	421	32.0	38.8	238	252		
	January	4,565	6,285		25.7	7,077	7,783	18,839	23,542	664	615	298	444	13.5	38.7	100	229		
	February	7,242	7,045		34.4	6,820	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238		
	March	7,464	7,174	37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259			
	April	5,709	6,807	32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249			
	May	8,209	6,821	18,255	40.7	8,275	7,862	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235		
June	7,087	6,722	34.5		8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246			
1979-80	July	6,513	6,190	24,667	36.5	8,977	7,802	30,611	24,805	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241		
	August	6,853	7,236		39.4	8,991	7,967	30,228	25,225	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272		
	September	7,384	7,532		33.5	r8,026	7,925	26,762	24,731	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301		
	October	8,353	7,346		38.4	r7,908	7,855	25,885	25,134	734	686	461	444	45.0	37.5	331	274		
	November	8,418	7,244	n.y.a.	32.9	7,511	7,973	23,328	25,529	674	711	476	437	42.4	37.0	349	294		
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,375	8,021	21,946	25,678	749	740	422	443	r28.8	r34.4	r291	r310		
	January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,343	8,099	21,433	26,782	763	718	298	440	11.1	30.7	115	254		

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains: includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

## PRODUCTION - continued

## STOCKS (a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79																
December	2,791	3,140	601	677	8,991	208	239	233.6	664	466	51,084	74.7				
January	1,228	3,118	315	581	4,162	215	236	237.0	579	464	37,797	73.2				
February	3,061	2,903	702	624	11,603	229	244	241.5	435	476	35,128	70.3			21,231	21,254
March	4,214	3,878	689	595	12,411	243	232	244.7	376	460	41,661	71.6				
April	2,766	3,332	511	587	10,156	199	218	248.7	290	461	32,642	73.1				
May	3,599	3,442	r617	r582	r13,802	216	195	252.1	243	474	32,935	73.5			21,989	21,936
June	4,491	3,837	r598	r681	r13,868	182	181	255.3	231	479	23,386	71.6				
1978-80																
July	3,921	3,804	r711	r712	r13,765	190	185	259.2	312	478	43,007	74.8				
August	4,091	3,246	r755	r719	r13,479	214	208	261.5	484	512	79,058	76.9			23,028	22,942
September	4,925	4,536	r719	r750	r12,021	211	215	263.3	617	501	86,064	75.9				
October	3,745	3,254	r885	r709	r14,870	237	213	r266.6	726	457	117,187	73.4				
November	3,659	3,092	r989	r835	r13,159	202	191	269.3	709	456	89,906	74.5			n.y.a.	n.y.a.
December	r3,544	r4,479	r683	r796	r9,514	r165	r187	272.2	633	443	48,549	75.1				
January	1,630	4,192	435	790	5,927	181	191	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

## OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (c) \$m		Export price index (revised) (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (b) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports Seas. adj.	Imports Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79											
December	1,088	1,163	1,034	1,160			140	-261	197	3,200	3,229
January	1,303	1,253	1,213	1,120			142	-242	135	3,377	3,450
February	1,130	1,207	1,051	1,133	2,596	2,114	146	-155	377	3,723	3,705
March	1,176	1,276	1,144	1,192			149	-297	179	3,610	3,605
April	1,248	1,251	1,120	1,215			156	-262	356	3,677	3,610
May	1,495	1,395	1,318	1,249	2,589	2,202	159	-170	231	3,824	3,758
June	1,406	1,378	1,288	1,370			161	-200	226	3,885	3,824
1979-80											
July	1,400	1,384	1,227	1,135			161	-205	75	3,865	3,814
August	1,301	1,247	1,325	1,232	2,569	2,001	162	-247	23	3,667	3,708
September	1,379	1,459	1,102	1,200			164	61	-256	3,858	3,893
October	1,635	1,584	1,476	1,347			169	-67	-37	4,106	4,129
November	1,679	1,612	1,371	1,317	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	172	-33	48	4,148	4,174
December	1,564	1,665	1,167	1,299			n.y.a.	-21	-136	4,614	n.y.a.
January	1,746	1,681	1,621	1,491			n.y.a.	-311	534	6,386	n.y.a.

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (c) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5471.0.

## INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales (a)													Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m	
Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food and drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered 000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) 000			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1978-79	December	2,891	2,178							35.2	38.4	8.6	9.4	3,027
	January	2,078	2,183							31.0	35.7	7.7	9.1	3,027
	February	1,945	2,202	3,149	3,217	1,932	2,242	1,075	1,147	35.4	38.6	9.4	10.7	3,021
	March	2,174	2,220							38.9	37.7	9.5	9.3	3,017
	April	2,087	2,223							36.4	38.0	8.7	9.2	3,016
	May	2,337	2,251	3,216	3,291	2,259	2,237	1,089	1,164	45.4	40.1	10.7	9.3	3,029
	June	2,140	2,220							40.2	39.8	9.7	9.1	3,034
1979-80	July	2,181	2,328							44.2	42.0	10.4	9.3	3,047
	August	2,322	2,320	3,301	3,413	2,203	2,303	1,145	1,214	43.7	39.8	9.7	9.1	3,030
	September	2,176	2,318							36.3	38.6	8.8	9.6	3,023
	October	2,334	2,314							39.8	37.8	10.7	10.0	3,027
	November	2,493	2,350	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.4	38.3	10.1	10.1	3,039
	December	3,154	2,407							32.2	35.1	7.4	8.1	3,047
	January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							33.2	38.0	8.4	10.0	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: October \$150m, November \$143m, December \$131m.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month		Average weekly earnings per employed male unit		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100		Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)		Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0, unless otherwise noted (a)					
								All groups		Household equipment and operation		Tobacco and alcohol	
								Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	December			569.6	n.a.			245.3					
	January			569.7	n.a.			250.1					
	February	222.80	231.00	569.8	n.a.		262.6	251.9		276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8
	March			570.1	n.a.			251.9					
	April			570.4	n.a.			259.6					
	May	232.80	231.40	570.5	n.a.		269.6	263.3		284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1
	June			588.3	n.a.			267.4					
1979-80	July			588.5	1.3			272.6					
	August	238.40	238.70	588.8	1.4		275.8	276.9		288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4
	September			588.9	1.7			271.5					
	October			588.8	1.4			275.1					
	November	248.00	243.50	n.y.a.	1.5		284.1	276.2		292.9	311.3	240.7	294.7
	December			n.y.a.	1.6			281.2					
	January			n.y.a.	1.2			286.9					

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. (c) Includes rural. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (e) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (f) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (g) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

## BUILDING, ETC.

Month		Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes (a)			
												Materials used in house building		Materials used in building other than house building	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	December	460.1	519.6	9.8	10.9	70.6						264.6	264.4		
	January	439.1	535.6	8.1	10.5	104.4						266.9	268.3		
	February	560.8	642.6	9.8	10.9	114.8	1,753.2	1,826.0	30.8	r31.3		270.9	273.4	452.6	555.7
	March	582.4	567.8	11.9	11.2	108.0						273.7	275.0		
	April	507.2	536.9	10.2	10.9	81.9						277.2	277.3		
	May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7	1,800.1	1,710.9	32.4	r31.4		278.7	278.6	575.5	556.5
	June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6						280.2	279.3		
1979-80	July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6						283.6	285.2		
	August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r32.6	r31.1		287.6	288.5	531.9	524.0
	September	625.9	656.1	11.6	11.7	126.9						290.6	290.2		
	October	620.0	556.5	12.9	11.7	63.3						293.4	292.2		
	November	r848.3	r798.5	13.0	12.4	r131.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30.6	32.7		295.0	293.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	December	559.3	622.0	9.8	10.7	112.4						297.4	299.3		
	January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.						301.6	304.9		

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0.

# FINANCE

Month		Savings banks depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m		Housing finance for owner occupation - value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m												
				Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m	Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m			Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m												
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.								Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.							
1978-79	December	18,870	18,774	19,601	19,327	14,515	14,373	16,571	246	164	79	8.67	172.2	2,115	2,347	2,227											
	January	19,056	19,005	20,046	19,431	14,366	14,501	16,586	334	172	80	8.72					127.9	3,233	2,215								
	February	19,278	19,171	20,461	19,664	14,304	14,716	16,655	318	204	68	8.77								2,623	2,342						
	March	19,340	19,445	20,852	19,985	14,472	14,779	16,755	316	216	97	9.00										1,887	2,372				
	April	19,229	19,559	20,653	20,102	14,950	14,927	16,858	276	176	87	9.61												1,883	2,508		
	May	19,462	19,739	19,902	20,195	15,030	14,948	17,046	355	183	109	9.70														2,114	2,553
	June	19,833	19,865	19,602	20,393	15,012	15,041	17,135	305	166	89	9.94															
1979-80	July	19,927	19,952	19,550	20,456	15,252	15,213	17,453	303	165	91	9.94	n.y.a.	1,892	2,443												
	August	20,131	20,059	19,958	20,611	15,380	15,400	17,497	354	179	100	9.94				n.y.a.	n.y.a.										
	September	20,247	20,095	20,313	20,785	15,708	15,657	17,681	305	173	87	9.95						n.y.a.	n.y.a.								
	October	20,364	20,159	20,995	21,027	16,215	15,829	17,846	356	209	96	9.94								n.y.a.	n.y.a.						
	November	20,412	20,325	21,459	21,514	16,408	16,176	18,135	312	213	103	9.96										n.y.a.	n.y.a.				
	December	20,575	20,486	22,150	21,840	16,612	16,448	18,266	245	162	93	n.y.a.												n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
	January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	22,996	22,289	16,561	16,720	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.														n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)**

Quarter		Final consumption expenditure														Gross fixed capital expenditure				
		Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public						
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
AT CURRENT PRICES																				
1978-79	September	23,900	24,472	1,017	1,510	22,883	22,962	14,377	14,492	4,061	4,094	3,360	3,366	1,814	1,965					
	December	27,091	24,985	2,348	1,586	24,743	23,399	15,689	14,886	4,279	4,125	3,794	3,589	2,082	1,990					
	March	25,366	25,989	2,162	1,706	23,204	24,283	14,763	15,465	3,950	4,219	3,348	3,717	1,793	2,093					
	June	25,269	26,489	1,115	1,888	24,154	24,601	15,708	15,711	4,418	4,272	3,975	3,802	2,525	2,152					
1979-80	September	27,000	27,307	1,441	1,814	25,559	25,493	16,062	16,216	4,277	4,311	3,567	3,570	1,960	2,124					
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																				
1978-79	September	16,488	17,006	719	1,282	15,769	15,724	9,748	9,817	2,839	2,862	2,272	2,268	1,252	1,361					
	December	18,927	17,158	2,093	1,288	16,834	15,870	10,337	9,832	2,969	2,888	2,490	2,374	1,417	1,359					
	March	17,114	17,320	1,806	1,226	15,308	16,094	9,525	9,983	2,670	2,819	2,152	2,382	1,183	1,390					
	June	16,084	17,252	477	1,305	15,607	15,947	9,939	9,920	2,959	2,865	2,505	2,392	1,633	1,376					
1979-80	September	17,106	17,369	802	1,214	16,304	16,155	9,915	9,997	2,776	2,798	2,197	2,191	1,232	1,340					
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																				
Quarter		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises														Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
		Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements										
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original					
1978-79	September	4,056	3,958	3,561	3,618	2,668	2,665	5,109	5,377	13,484	13,643	492	19,944	2,813	17,624					
	December	4,276	4,398	4,000	3,828	3,245	2,786	6,787	5,608	14,165	13,655	1,731	21,228	3,009	19,950					
	March	4,315	4,318	4,246	4,416	2,322	2,775	6,061	5,882	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,488	3,768	18,281					
	June	4,597	4,596	4,565	4,526	2,714	2,766	5,025	6,224	14,388	14,462	542	21,915	5,700	16,755					
1979-80	September	4,659	4,550	4,775	4,849	2,976	2,972	6,035	6,154	14,855	14,875	832	22,078	3,283	19,628					
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)														JOB VACANCIES ('000)
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)														
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)	
	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1978-79														
December	4,165.3		2,373.5		6,538.7		219.9	153.9	67.4	241.6	199.7	441.2		
January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		235.2	155.9	55.0	250.0	196.1	446.2		
February	4,135.4	4,101.4	2,337.5	2,326.4	6,472.9	6,427.9	229.5	152.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9	n.a.	
March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0		
April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8		
May	4,118.9	4,111.4	2,321.0	2,315.3	6,439.9	6,426.9	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6	34.3	
June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3		
1979-80														
July	4,112.4		2,337.7		6,450.1		188.2	131.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5		
August	4,100.7	4,121.1	2,314.6	2,323.7	6,415.3	6,444.5	182.8	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.7	373.8	33.0	
September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		184.7	138.3	73.5	201.6	194.9	396.5		
October	4,126.8		2,386.2		6,513.0		178.1	133.5	76.2	195.9	191.8	387.8		
November	4,115.0	4,136.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,541.4	171.5	125.1	64.1	183.8	176.8	360.6	34.3	
December	4,216.4		2,430.4		6,646.8		202.2	151.6	73.1	224.2	202.7	426.9		
January	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		n.y.a.		227.9	154.3	57.0	243.5	195.7	439.2		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) ('000)															
Total civilian employees										Principal industries					
		Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and retail trade	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	December	3,094.0	3,096.0	1,856.5	1,857.4	4,950.5	4,953.4	3,454.4	3,446.4	1,496.1	1,507.0	1,155.5	1,158.5	1,006.1	992.6
	January	3,087.4	3,095.7	1,835.5	1,858.5	4,923.0	4,954.2	3,432.2	3,447.5	1,490.8	1,506.7	1,153.0	1,158.2	992.0	996.2
	February	3,101.9	3,098.2	1,857.9	1,861.6	4,959.8	4,959.8	3,453.2	3,453.9	1,506.6	1,505.9	1,164.2	1,160.6	994.2	997.5
	March	3,110.3	3,100.9	1,869.1	1,865.3	4,979.4	4,966.2	3,467.4	3,458.2	1,512.0	1,508.0	1,170.0	1,163.1	997.1	999.0
	April	3,107.4	3,098.8	1,871.1	1,867.6	4,978.4	4,966.4	3,463.9	3,458.6	1,514.5	1,507.8	1,164.3	1,162.0	999.0	999.4
	May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.7	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.1	1,164.6	1,001.5	1,000.9
	June (b)	3,105.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.5	1,165.6	997.6	998.6
1979-80	July (b)	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,463.8	3,469.4	1,516.2	1,509.8	1,163.4	1,166.5	997.6	1,000.2
	August	3,101.9	3,107.3	1,884.8	1,886.1	4,986.7	4,993.4	3,469.9	3,479.7	1,516.8	1,513.7	1,165.1	1,169.0	996.6	1,001.5
	September	3,104.1	3,113.0	1,892.6	1,892.6	4,996.7	5,005.6	3,479.8	3,488.0	1,516.8	1,517.6	1,167.5	1,170.3	1,002.9	1,006.9
	October	3,107.1	3,116.2	1,900.7	1,895.8	5,007.8	5,012.0	3,491.6	3,492.6	1,516.3	1,519.4	1,170.7	1,169.3	1,007.9	1,007.5
	November	3,112.3	3,115.1	1,908.3	1,896.2	5,020.7	5,011.3	3,503.4	3,490.7	1,517.3	1,520.6	1,168.8	1,165.9	1,019.5	1,011.8
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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